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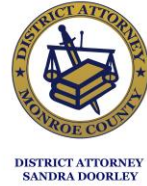
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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

Homicides

Sometimes it seems as if we are hearing about a new homicide every day. The month of August has been especially hard, with an 18-year-old being shot to death earlier this week.

To date for 2023, the City of Rochester has recorded 33 homicides. This is unacceptable. The bright spot of this number is that at this time last year, the City of Rochester was up to 48 homicides. While our numbers are down compared to last year, this does nothing to comfort those who have lost a loved one to violence this year.

Before 2020, it was normal for the City of Rochester to only record 30-40 homicides in one year. This is why being down compared to 2022 is hardly a reason to celebrate. Law enforcement, legislators, and community members must stand together to continue decreasing this trend. I believe some of our current partnerships and programs, such as Gun Involved Violence Elimination and the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce are why we are seeing a decline in homicides and shootings.

81% of this year's homicides in the city have involved illegal firearms. This is why the Monroe County District Attorney's Office has placed a great focus on illegal gun cases in recent years. We have seen time and time again, one altercation quickly turns deadly when someone is illegally possessing a firearm.

We will continue our focus on prosecuting these atrocious cases to find justice for homicide victims and their families.

We will continue to find innovative and successful ways to hold gun offenders accountable and work with the police officers who are removing these illegal firearms from our community.

We will continue to do our job and put the safety of the residents of Monroe County first.

Sandra

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:
33

Monroe County Total: 37

Promotions in the District Attorney's Office

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office hired several new Assistant District Attorneys to begin on Monday, I will share more about our new hires in the coming weeks. With these exciting new additions, many existing Assistant District Attorneys were recently promoted within the office. Each and every one of these dedicated public servants deserves to be recognized for their hard work and commitment to justice.

ADA Bianca D'Angelo was named the Chief of the General Felony Bureau
ADA Greg Clark was named the Chief of the Public Integrity/Economic Crimes Bureau

ADA Michael Harrigan was named the Chief Homicide Prosecutor
ADA Jennifer Kennedy was named the Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau

ADA Rachel Clark was named to the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce
ADA Anthony Freeman was named to the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce
ADA Matthew Schiano was promoted to the Major Felony Bureau
ADA Matthew Hogestyn was promoted to the Major Felony Bureau
ADA Ellie Laloudakis was promoted to Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau
ADA Ryan Mulcahy was promoted to the Special Investigations Bureau
ADA Kaylie Rizzari was promoted to the Domestic Violence Bureau
ADA Kenisha Flowers was promoted to the General Felony Bureau
ADA Caroline Rodriguez was promoted to the General Felony Bureau
ADA Chris Folk was promoted to the Economic Crimes Bureau

Congratulations to all on your well-deserved promotions!

People Magazine Investigates

People Magazine Investigates will present *Brighton Ax Murder* on Monday, August 14 at 9:00PM EST. This documentary style piece will feature the People vs. Krauseneck, with interviews from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

You can watch this special on Investigation Discovery (ID), D+, and Max streaming services.



<https://www.investigationdiscovery.com/show/people-magazine-investigates-investigation-discovery>

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

The jury is deliberating for the People vs. **Lajason Lovett**. This case is in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento. Lajason Lovett is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree for the stabbing death of Cory Dubois. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Alloco, of the Special Victims Unit.

The jury is deliberating for the People vs. **Whitney Morris**. This case is in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall. Whitney Morris is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree for the shooting death of Christopher Porchea. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Special Victims Unit.

26-year-old **Michael Jones** was convicted of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree by Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner following a bench trial for the stabbing death of Keith Arnold on June 6, 2021. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau. Michael Jones will be sentenced on September 21, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Bailey Turner. The co-defendant charged for the death of Keith Arnold, Morris Jones, Jr., will face trial on February 5, 2023.

27-year-old **Diego Johnson** was convicted by a jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree. On October 10, 2022, a concerned citizen called 911 with a description of a man driving a vehicle with a handgun in the area of N. Goodman Street in the City of Rochester. Rochester Police Officers quickly located the defendant operating a vehicle, which matched the license plate given by the 911 caller, and located a loaded handgun under the driver's seat. Diego Johnson is a mandatory persistent violent felony offender with two prior violent felony convictions. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau. Mr. Johnson will be sentenced on October 2, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Miller.

55-year-old **Freddy Valdez** was convicted by a jury of Aggravated Family Offense for the intentional violation of an Order of Protection on November 17, 2022. This case was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aaron Rath, of the Domestic Violence Bureau. Freddy Valdez will be sentenced on September 6, 2023 in front of Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller.

34-year-old **Jajuan Singleton** was convicted by a jury of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the possession of an illegal firearm on July 7, 2020. This case was investigated by the New York State Police and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau. Jajuan Singleton will be sentenced on September 6, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

Derrick Isidore III was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the illegal possession of a weapon on February 2, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley joined Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, of the Non-Fatal Shooting Taskforce, and Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, at a special Thunderbird Rehearsal Air Show. This opportunity was granted because ADA Clark is a Major for the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). Thank you to the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for providing this opportunity and thank you to ADA Clark for your service to this community and our country!



MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/vickers-to-be-tried-separately-in-rpd-officers-murder-case/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/kelvin-vickers-murder-trial-indictment-consolidated-anthony-mazurkiewicz-rochester-sino-seng>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/top-stories/suspect-to-be-tried-separately-in-fatal-rpd-officer-shooting-rochester-anthony-mazurkiewicz-kelvin-vickers-deadrack-fulwiley-raheim-robinson-richard-collinge-myjel-rand/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2023-08-04-accused-cop-killer-to-be-tried-by-himself/?pname=www.wham1180.com&sc=dnsredirect>

<https://www.wxxinews.org/local-news/2023-08-09/greece-town-supervisor-bill-reilich-hot-rod-ranch-da-investigation-labor-law-allegations>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/greece-town-supervisor-bill-reilich-bobby-johnson-michelle-marini-the-ranch-lawsuit-side-business-labor-sweden-brockport-swamp-road>

<https://www.whec.com/local/lawsuit-filed-by-former-employee-says-greece-supervisor-made-him-do-private-work-for-him-on-taxpayers-dime/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/08/09/da-investigating-claims-that-greece-supervisor-had-worker-do-private-jobs/70558486007/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/greece/former-greece-employee-sues-town-supervisor-alleges-unpaid-labor/>



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